

### IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): An emulsified cosmetic composition comprising surface-hydrophobated water-absorbing polymer particles and water.

Claim 2 (Original): The emulsified cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the average particle diameter of the surface-hydrophobated water-absorbing polymer particles is 0.1 to 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The emulsified cosmetic composition according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the amount of water absorbed into the surface-hydrophobated water-absorbing polymer particles is 5 to 100 g/g.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The emulsified cosmetic composition according to ~~any one of claim 1 to 3~~ claim 1, which has a viscosity of 1,000 to 500,000 mPa·s.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The emulsified cosmetic composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein the content of water is 30 to 95% by weight.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The emulsified cosmetic composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, wherein the surface-hydrophobated water-absorbing polymer particles comprise water-absorbing polymer particles coated thereon with a silicone compound having at least one kind of a functional group.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The emulsified cosmetic composition according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, which is ~~used as~~ an antiperspirant.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): ~~Use of~~ A cosmetic comprising an emulsified cosmetic composition comprising surface-hydrophobated water-absorbing polymer particles and water ~~as cosmetics~~.

Claim 9 (Original): A method of antiperspiration, which comprises applying an emulsified composition comprising surface-hydrophobated water-absorbing polymer particles and water onto the skin.